

American Affairs.

An energetic effort is being put forth by merchants and manufacturers at the North to prevent a contraction of the currency. It is urged that a contraction will cause a great fall in prices, and bring about serious financial difficulties. Thus far, the Secretary of the Treasury has had small power from Congress to contract the currency. The laws passed at the late session tied his hands; but, under such power as he did possess, he has retired the revenue fund of \$50,000,000, issued to redeem temporary loans, and \$10,000,000 which Congress permitted him to withdraw within six months after the 12th of April. A few millions, under the clause providing for monthly contraction, have also been withdrawn; yet there are now about \$380,000,000 legal tenders in circulation. Gold is worth, in New York, 137½, and a little arithmetic will show how much specie these \$380,000,000 represent. The extension of the franchise to all classes of the male sex in the District of Columbia appears to have given a great deal of satisfaction in the North. The District of Columbia is the piece of land, a few square miles in extent, in the centre of which stands the National Capital. When the confederation of States was first decided upon, it was expressly stipulated that the District of Columbia should be set apart as national property, and that Congress should have the exclusive privilege of controlling its internal affairs. Therefore, Congress has the power of passing laws affecting the political status of the District that it does not possess over any State or Territory. The Southern question has assumed a new phase. The recent Supreme Court decision, which declares that Court-martials for the trial of civilians are illegal, has been made the subject of an order from the President, directing military commanders in the South to confine themselves strictly to military duties, leaving judicial questions to the Civil Courts. Commenting upon this decision, the New York Herald says: "Here, then, we have the elements of a new conflict with Congress. The issue, in the appeal from Congress to the people, has been decided by the people against the President's policy and in favor of Congress. Can the Supreme Court reverse the decisions of the war and of the people of the loyal States? If so, then one man of the Supreme Court holds the destinies of this country, peace or war, subject to his *ipse dixit*; for it appears that upon the late decisions the Court was divided five to four. One man against the decisions of the armies and navies of the loyal States in a four years' civil war; one man against the overwhelming popular verdict of those States, as pronounced in the late elections. If this thing is attempted, as expected, there will be a new conflict." The impeachment Committee have not commenced their labors. It is said they are awaiting the arrival of Surratt, to examine him as to the alleged complicity of President Johnson in the assassination of Mr. Lincoln. Of course, it is to be expected that the man who allowed his poor mother to suffer an ignominious death for a crime of which there are now grave reasons for believing she was not guilty, will swear to anything to save himself from the gallows. We shall not be surprised, therefore, to hear shortly that Surratt has sworn to a complete history of the assassination, and that he has implicated Mr. Johnson as the leader of the Booth gang. The work of impeachment, which is now rather difficult to accomplish, would then become a comparatively easy task.

Our Quartz Interests in Peril.

A letter from Mr. Chancellor, of the Hixon Creek Quartz Mill Company, who went below to negotiate for the purchase of a quartz mill to work the lodes on Hixon Creek (a tributary of Canyon Creek) states that his efforts are paralyzed for want of the means (\$3000) with which to effect the object. The quartz is among the richest yet discovered on this coast. Energy and faith the prospectors have in sufficient quantity to move a mountain; but they have not the funds necessary to enable them to fully prospect a lode. Get one quartz mill in active operation at Cariboo, and within a twelvemonth the whole country will swarm with population. In this important crisis, will not Government do something towards the development of our latent wealth? Will it not contribute a part of the petty sum of three thousands dollars? How small a key will unlock the door that leads to certain wealth and prosperity! Three thousand dollars! Why, the toy-steamers consumed that amount per year. Why not lay her up, and use the money voted for her consumption in the purchase of a test quartz mill?

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

[Reported expressly for the Colonist.]

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 30, 1867.

Council met at 3 p.m. Present: Hon. President Birch, Crease, Wood, Hamly, Brew, Robson, Young, Macdonald, Helmecken, DeCosmos, Southgate, Stamp, Pemberton, Cox, Sanders, Trutch, O'Reilly, Smith, Ball, Walkem.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. Crease, to introduce an Indemnity Bill for not enforcing certain Vancouver Island Imports; a Bill to assimilate certain laws of British Columbia and Vancouver Island; and a Bill respecting the application of the Customs Laws.

Hon. Mr. Pemberton—To move an address to the Governor to cause a copy of his Instructions and Commission to be furnished to the Council.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald—On Friday, to introduce a Bill to legalize the Victoria Incorporation Ordinance.

Hon. Mr. DeCosmos—To move an Address to the Governor to instruct the Collector of Customs to discontinue at once the collection of Customs duties on goods shipped from any portion of Vancouver Island to the mainland.

The President put each notice to the Council, and

Hon. Dr. Helmecken said that such a practice was not usual, as notices of motion and leave to introduce were two different things. It was too arbitrary, he thought.

Hon. Mr. DeCosmos thought the practice an error; it was too rigid, and was not customary in the British House of Commons.

The President said it had been the rule of the Council, and referred to standing orders.

Hon. Dr. Helmecken considered it extraordinary that the Governor should frame the rules for the guidance of the House.

The matter then dropped.

THE REPLY.

Hon. Mr. Hamley presented the reply of the Committee to the Governor's speech.

Hon. Dr. Helmecken claimed that the order of the day should take precedence, but he waived the right as a matter of courtesy.

On motion of Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, Council went into Committee of the Whole. Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the chair, to consider the reply, Hon. Mr. Hamley opposing.

Hon. Mr. DeCosmos commented on the Governor's speech in an address which was attentively listened to, but which from its length we are unable to furnish in detail. The hon. gentleman was moderate and conciliatory in his tone. He approached the subject in a friendly spirit towards the Governor and members of the House, believing that the Executive and heads of Departments were actuated by correct motives, but there were errors of the head if not of the heart; and he trusted that a largeness of mind would be manifested by the popular and magisterial members in meeting the issues they would be called upon to grapple with in order to unfold the resources of the large territory confided to their care, and to render the Government more efficient.

He looked forward with confidence to the energy of all sectional and local interests in order to promote the general welfare. He then proceeded to point out the defects in the speech. Various measures were proposed which were unimportant; others necessary but not important, such as Indemnity, Dredger, Assay Office, V. I. Incorporation Act, Retirement, Education, Public Works, &c. As to the Estimates, he would wait until they could be examined in detail, but hoped they would not be so bad as he feared. He was surprised that no steps had been taken to remove the discount that prevailed respecting the Judiciary on the mainland, which had occasioned a deputation being sent from Cariboo. His Excellency's language respecting the seat of Government he could not comprehend. If the "local depression" referred to New Westminster it might be correct, but if to the constituency he represented, then he differed. The speech discovered no schemes of a provocative character, such as a road from New Westminster to the coast. On the topic of Education he expressed the hope that His Excellency would favor the Free School system as a means of utilizing the rising generation and drawing immigration, and that it would be well supported and largely subsidized. Among the bills of indemnity the House was not asked for one legalizing the collection of Colonial Customs duties, which he regarded not only as illegal but as an act of usurpation. There was no allusion in the speech to a new constitution for the Colony. The people expected their share of representation, and had no intention of supporting a nominative Government when they could get a representative one. He looked upon this as a Provincial Government, and as a provincial member he should devote his abilities to procuring a permanent one, so that people who had toiled in the country for years should not contribute to a Government that disposed of their money as it pleased, though done with the best intentions. He would not consent to flourish without the sympathy and support of the people. If there was anything so remarkable in the speech he would be glad if some hon. gentleman would point it out. There was no industrial policy, no attempt to add to the population, or to find and absorb labor; if one thing was more necessary than another it was a scheme to find and utilize labor—to stimulate the industries of the country. Take away the gold mines, what would the country do? What would be the use of expensive roads? What did the Government propose to do? Nothing! He was there to assist in a friendly spirit in doing all things in which the public had any interest.

The reply was then considered *seriatim*, and the clauses passed up to the eighth, in amendment to a friendly.

Hon. Dr. Helmecken moved that His Excellency be informed that there exists a general feeling throughout the country in favor of Victoria as the seat of Government. The hon. gentleman appeared not to be aware in his speech of the interest that existed in regard to this matter, and the simple fact that the majority of the people, from one end of the Colony to the other, excepting New Westminster, were in favor of the seat of Government being at Victoria, should be placed before His Excellency, and the general fact would come up at another time. That it did exist none could dispute; the magistrates and members must all endorse that opinion. Petitions would shortly come to the Council, stating this, and it was well that the Governor's attention should be drawn to it to regulate him in framing the message on which he believed the prosperity of the Colony rested.

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Dr. Helmecken withdrew the amendment for the time being.

The clause then passed, and the Committee rose and reported the reply complete.

The reply, which reads as follows, was adopted and ordered to be presented to His Excellency by the House.

To His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia and its dependencies, and Vice Admiral of the same, etc., etc.

May it please your Excellency—We, her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of British Columbia, have received with pleasure the speech with which you have honored us.

We are fully sensible of the arduous and important duties devolving upon your Excellency at this critical period in the history of the Colony; and we shall not fail on our part to tender every assistance in carrying out all measures calculated to promote the public welfare.

The acts of indemnity referred to by your Excellency and the bills amalgamating the laws of the Colony shall receive our most careful consideration.

We are gratified to learn that the Crown Lands of Vancouver Island are to be placed under the control of the Legislature. We trust that the reconveyance of the Island will be consummated with as little delay as possible, and that it will be followed by a general land system so liberal as to encourage immigration and settlement and to foster our agricultural interests.

Conscious of the financial embarrassments of the colony, we learn with satisfaction that your Excellency has caused the Estimates to be prepared with the strictest economy compatible with the efficiency of the public service.

Your Excellency having drawn the particular attention of the Council to the Assay Office, and to the Dredging Machine and steamer, we venture to assure you of the earnest consideration with which these subjects shall be treated by the Council.

We desire to express our entire concurrence in the proposed measures for the repeal of the Real Estate Tax in Vancouver Island, and for the assimilation of taxation throughout the colony.

We shall look forward with anxiety to the Messages which your Excellency has been pleased to promise us upon the important subjects of Education and the Seat of Government.

We are fully alive to the serious responsibilities which rest upon us in the discharge of our duties during the ensuing session, and we beg to assure your Excellency that the task imposed upon us will be cheerfully undertaken; that the interests confided to us will be carefully guarded; and that in the promotion of all measures conducive to the advancement and prosperity of the colony your Excellency will meet with our most loyal co-operation.

We venture to hope that the day of depression may soon pass away; and we confidently look forward to the wisdom of your Excellency's administration to stimulate industry, restore confidence, and dispel the present gloom, fervently trusting that under the guidance of Divine Providence your Excellency's efforts may be crowned with success.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

Hon. Dr. Helmecken presumed by this time the hon. and learned gentleman (Crease) understood the subject fully and was prepared with his reply. If he required more time, however, it should be given him.

Hon. Mr. Crease thanked his obliging old ex-chief for his kind consideration and for kindly feeling with which he (Dr. H.) and his colleagues had addressed themselves to the subject. He felt sure that he could not have exceeded the other members of the House when he said that those feelings were reciprocated, and he hoped they would all work well and faithfully together. In the explanation he was about to offer, he asked the House to sever questions of policy and expediency, as he simply treated the matter as a question of law. The foundation of the House rested on an act of Parliament, following which was the act of the Queen, in Council, 1863, the basis of the constitution. Before Union (19th Nov. '66) the Council consisted of 5 Executive members, 5 magistrates, and 5 so-called popular members. Except 5, all were nominees of the Government. By the order in Council, Clause 5, the number of Councilors could not be raised above 15, but the Governor might nominate any less number, he might vary the proportions, and take one magistrate instead of five. There was no provision in any way for the Government to select any particular persons or of popular members beyond the power of nomination given to the Governor. They derived their position from the Governor. The order in Council was still in force, except as to the number of 15. What change had the act produced? The principle of representation was still the same. There was no relative proportion prescribed; it was left entirely as before to the Governor. The number was merely made 23 instead of 15; there was nothing to show that any particular number should be allotted to any particular province. It was left to the Governor, who was the only legal person to say how many shall be appointed. It must not necessarily be the same in each succeeding year. Where misrepresentation arises is in the use of the word representation; but the representation in Vancouver Island was not the same as prevailed in this Council. The Order in Council and Union Act could only be read together, and he would say that his views coincided with the framers of the act and the law officers of the Crown. An official was as much a member as a non-official, and the House would find that Vancouver Island had 8 members, according to the hon. member's own showing.

Hon. Dr. Helmecken—Point them out.

Hon. Mr. Crease—The hon. member can count heads for himself. If necessary that 8 members be selected for the Island, it would imply by parity of reasoning that no more than 15 will be necessary for the mainland, and in case of illness or death the Council of the House would be rendered null and void. In the House of Commons, at home, with 658 members, these exigencies arose, without interfering with business, and their acts did not become null and void. Whether the Governor appointed 19, 20 or 21, they were all legal and good.

Hon. Mr. DeCosmos would have felt better pleased had the hon. and learned gentleman shown that Vancouver Island had eight members. The line of argument pursued by the hon. gentleman was that, if the Council was composed of less than 23 members, it was, nevertheless, legally constituted, and that if Vancouver Island had less than eight it was still legal. He would concede the point put as to the absence or death of members, but the organic act of '66, as he read it, meant that Vancouver Island should have eight members [reads extract from act.] The words expressly provide that the eight additional members should be taken from the Island. He had heard nothing to explain what had occurred in carrying out the provisions of the act. Under what circumstances did the hon. gentleman sit? If as a magisterial member, then he sat unlawfully, because the maximum number was exceeded. If the House had a full quota on a certain day, then a certain hon. gentleman sat there

as an official member, who was unknown to the House, and the matter should be cleared up. He believed the hon. gentleman was not entitled to a seat there.

Hon. President said the Governor was empowered to nominate all the members. The magisterial members were short, whether the hon. gentleman be Colonial Secretary, Treasurer or Magistrate. In reply to the hon. Mr. DeCosmos, the hon. President said that the Treasurer was not in the House, and that the Hon. Mr. Cornwell had declined to take his seat.

Hon. Dr. Helmecken referred to the Gazette, where the Treasurer was appointed, and the House was now told that there was no Treasurer, yet there were 23 members; was the Council legally constituted?

Hon. President said he had stated that there was no Treasurer in the House.

Hon. Mr. Walkem assailed the arguments advanced by the hon. Attorney General. He could not see how the hon. and learned gentleman could possibly ask the House to construe the meaning of the act in one way, when he knew that in a Court of law it would be construed in another. They were asked in fact to violate English law; such species of logic was too transparent. He cared not for the one or the other, but they were sensible men, and could draw the distinction between the intention of the framers, and the meaning and spirit of the act itself. The language of the Act should be strictly construed, and Vancouver Island have what she was fairly entitled to. If the hon. and learned gentleman was right in his law, then why could not 14 be from the mainland, and 9 from the Island? The hon. gentleman concluded by twitting the hon. Attorney General for his long speech, which only involved the matter in greater obscurity.

Hon. Mr. Crease made a few remarks in reply.

Hon. Mr. Walkem asked for the production of the opinion of the Crown adviser.

Hon. Mr. DeCosmos thought there had been evasion in respect to the Treasurer, although he was willing to accept Mr. Young in lieu of Mr. Cornwell, so as not to impede business.

Hon. Dr. Helmecken thought it very degrading to the people of Vancouver Island, to say that it was unnecessary to appoint any member from there at all. Such a system of Government could not be tolerated, and would soon be changed.

Hon. Mr. Robson could not understand the agitation. It was necessary to invest the Governor with power to distribute the seats as he thought best, and he could not understand the anxiety to unseat the hon. member, and make him appear an intruder. The hon. gentleman would in any case stand first for appointment. But the Governor had distinctly given Vancouver Island eight members, and it was completely for him to legalize the seat, to give the Island more or less. The hon. gentleman concluded by expressing his surprise at the outburst of the hon. member for Cariboo, who aspired to the high position of Attorney General (hear from Mr. Walkem) but had not thrown any light on the legal bearing of the case. He considered the explanation given by the hon. Mr. Crease clear and lucid.

Council adjourned till Thursday.

The Hixon Creek Quartz Mill—A Letter from the Projector.

Messrs. Editors:—I beg you will insert the following article in your columns:

Having quitted Victoria for San Francisco, in order to learn the best means of obtaining a Quartz Mill, which I had the intention of erecting in Cariboo, where the ledges are very rich and in great number. I regret to say that from all I can learn, the expense of the necessary machinery, &c., will exceed my available means, and I find it difficult at the present time to secure the aid requisite to carry out so rich an enterprise, the shareholders not having considered the information I have obtained at San Francisco sufficiently favorable. I proceeded to Grass Valley, a little city of which very little was thought 4 or 5 years ago, and which to day has 10,000 inhabitants. All the importance arises from the quartz mills, which are established in the vicinity, which number from 50 to 60, almost all having their peculiar style of working in this place. I shall be enabled to acquire much knowledge of this description of mining from seeing the various systems in active operation. The sum necessary for the purchase of a mill from the foundries at San Francisco, on the best system, with 10 stamps, capable of crushing from 24 to 25 tons of quartz per day would be \$3,000. I engage myself to take for my part a large number of shares, of that which will be sufficient to secure for me the confidence of the public. I, however, leave those interested to act as they may think proper, and will esteem myself acquitted by the expenses I have already disbursed. It will be much to be regretted, if those who are interested in the progress of the Colony, should lose so excellent an opportunity to aid in its progress from a disinclination to aid one who is seeking to add to its welfare by carrying out the scheme above referred to.

J. B. CHANCELLIER.
San Francisco, Jan. 20, 1867.

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40 gunnies Oregon Bacon
10 kegs Oregon Dried Apples
8 cs California Cheese
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10 kegs best Oregon do
A few packages Ordinary Butter for Bakers
20 cs Oregon Lard in 10 lb tins
100 Reams Straw Paper
100 gross Pollak's Vienna Matches
An assortment of Choice and Ordinary Tobacco
100 cs best quality Coal Oil
200 bxs English Soap
20 chests U S Tea, 50 bxs Candles
Variety of American Case Goods
Salt Beef and Pork in bbls and halves
Sai Soda, Table Salt, &c
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MEMBERS AND LADIES FIVE.
An excellent QUADRILLE BAND, under the direction of Messrs. Isham & Haynes, playing all the fashionable dances music of the day.
Refreshments will be provided by a well-known caterer at reasonable prices.
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TICKETS One Dollar each; to be had of Mrs. Palmer Messrs T. N. Hibson & Co., Book Store, Monsieur San Francisco, Government street; and Cameron's Provision Store, Fort street.
Refreshment will be laid in the Hall next door at a reasonable charge.
Several gentlemen connected with the Class have kindly consented to act as stewards.
A BAND of six Musicians will be in attendance. ja30

BANKRUPTCY NOTICE.

WHEREAS A PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION in Bankruptcy, bearing date the 20th day of January, 1867, has been duly filed by James Jackson Evans, Ephraim Thompson Evans, Joseph Barnett Evans and David Shaw Evans, now of New Westminster, in the Colony of British Columbia, and they having been declared Bankrupts, are hereby required to surrender themselves to Matthew Bailey, Esq., Esquire, Judge of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia on the 6th day of February next, and on the 8th day of March following, at the Court of the Hon. New Westminster, and make a full disclosure of their estate and effects, when and where the creditors are to come prepared to prove their debts and at the first sitting to choose assignees, and at the last sitting the said bankrupts are to furnish their examinations.
All persons indebted to the said bankrupts, or that have any of their effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Charles Edwards Pooley, the Official Assignee appointed by the Court, and give notice to Mr. John G. Barnston, Columbia Street, New Westminster, Counsel for the Bankrupts.
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Notice of Partnership.

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All parties indebted to me individually will make payment of the same to my Partner, who holds my Power of Attorney, and is fully authorized to receipt for the same.
RICHARD BRODRICK.
Victoria, V.I., B.C., 21 Feb'y 1867. ja31

TRADE LICENCES COURT OF

REVISION.
[THE COURT WILL HOLD ITS FIRST sitting at the Public Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 6th day of February next, at 10 o'clock.]
ja31 CHARLES G. WYLLIE, Assessor.

Challenge Accepted.

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Saturday Morning, February 2, 1887
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PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
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Feb 1—Star Isabel, Charters, Nainina
Star Enterprise, Smeaton, New Westminster
CLEARED
Feb 1—Star Active, Williams, New Westminster
Later from Cariboo.
Mr. Dedero, who arrived from Richfield last evening, reports that he was twenty-one days on the road. The weather was execrable, and the roads scarcely travelable, owing to the snow and ice. On Williams creek the chains were frozen up, and work was suspended. Snow to the depth of four feet lay on the ground. James Purdy, blacksmith at Richfield, was found dead in his bed on the 11th inst.; he had retired in good health.
We have the Sentinel of the 15th January from which we learn that the remains of Honore Lion, who died in November last, were interred on the 13th January. George Wilson, the pugilist, has been appointed night watchman with a salary of \$175 per month. Carpenter Bros. cabin having been entered and robbed of several sacks of flour, Wilson went to search a Chinese house, when one of the celestials drew a knife upon him, and was committed for an assault with a deadly weapon. There was a rumor that a rich strike had been made somewhere. The colored people celebrated the anniversary of their liberation on 1st January; they were not unanimous on the subject, however. The admirers of Abe Lincoln met at the Parlor saloon; the apologists of Jeff Davis held forth in front of Dix's shop. Characteristic speeches were delivered by the speakers on each side.
SELLING OF HAIR.—The Municipal Council of the Department of Correze, in France, recently and declared that the practice so prevalent of late years for the young women of Normandy and Brittany to sell their hair in the market places of their respective villages was highly immoral, and therefore passed a statute forbidding the practice. The custom has been that those who wished to dispose of their chevelure should wear bright ribbons in their chignon, which were synonymous with the words, "Look at my hair, it is for sale." Hair vendors were then privileged to go up to the girl, untie the ribbons, examine the hair, and bargain as to its price. As soon as this knotty point was decided, the purchaser, armed with scissors, cut off his merchandise, leaving but a few short curls in front.
RETURN OF A SCIENTIFIC EXPLORER.—Mr. R. Brown, who was despatched four years ago on a roving commission to the countries lying on the Pacific slopes of the Rocky Mountains, under the auspices of some of the Edinburgh Societies, has again returned in sound health, and with a great store of scientific lore in geography, geology, zoology, botany, and the languages and history of the Indian tribes among whom he has been wandering. Mr. Brown was selected in an early part of his career commander and Government agent of an expedition for the exploration of Vancouver Island, then as little known as the interior of the Sahara Desert.—London Watchman and Western Advertiser.

DE BISMARCK.—The Paris gossips, in their wrath with M. Bismarck, are circulating discreditable stories about him. His illness they attribute to abuse of alcoholic liquors. When he was about to start for the army, says one of his anecdotes, his son, a child, asked him how long he would be absent. The Count answered that he could not tell. At that moment his valet de chambre came into the room and asked him how many bottles of cognac he should pack up. "Twenty-four," said the Count. "Ah, papa!" said the terrified child, "it is for twenty-four days, then, that you are going away from us."
PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY.—Mr. J. Robertson Stewart, the Victoria agent, has presented us with the annual report of the Pacific Insurance Company, San Francisco, from which it would appear that the affairs of the institution are in a highly flourishing state. During the year just ended, the income of the company was \$577,079 91; while the losses were only \$147,436 97. The managers of the company comprise some of the best and most responsible men of San Francisco.
DEATH OF THE CASHIER OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND.—Mr. William Miller, who was appointed chief cashier of the Bank of England on the retirement of Mr. Mathew Marshall in 1864, died on Thursday morning at the age of 57. Mr. Miller, who entered the Bank in 1829, has long suffered from the complication of disorders, including asthma, but the immediate cause of death was bronchitis.

WOMANHOOD SUFFRAGE.—It is stated that a committee has been formed, having for its object the abolition of the legal disability which at present debars women, as such, from voting for members of Parliament. It is proposed to present to Parliament during the ensuing session two petitions, one signed exclusively by unmarried women and widows qualified to vote in all respects except that of sex; and the other by persons of all classes, both men and women.
RETURNED.—The Marsh and Pixley families returned from New Westminster last evening. They gave great satisfaction at the 'metropolis' and are highly spoken of by all who witnessed their performances. We are sorry to learn that the engagement has not proved remunerative, but hope that better luck will attend the efforts of the worthy artists at the next entertainment here.
THE GREAT KATYING MATCH.—This match came off last night and afforded some excellent sport. Shipper's dog Rose carrying off the stakes. After the match, the room was cleared, and the votaries of the noble art succumbed to the arena; some friendly bouts succeeded, and the company separated, well pleased with their evening's amusement.
TUK MUTING.—This war vessel will be sent South in a few days to relieve the Scout, now on the coast of Mexico.

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ONLY A MAN KILL.—"Vat's de matter? vat's de matter?" exclaimed an old Dutchman, as he tucked up his apron and ran out of his shop to know the meaning of a crowd in his neighborhood. "Vat's de matter?" "There is a man killed," said a bystander. "Oh, ish dat all? shust a man kill! Humph! I thought it wass a fight!"
A CURIOSITY.—Mr. Hammond, of Fort street, has just had prepared by Mr. Bushell, the horns and head of a specimen of the mountain sheep, taken on the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia, and which weighs 22 pounds. The horns at the base measure 14 inches in circumference. They will be forwarded to the Paris exhibition.

POLICE COURT.—Yesterday, two wages cases, Brown v. Costello and Quinn v. Costello, were postponed for further hearing on Monday. Wm. Wright was in the dock, all wrong as usual, and is trying a few hours of undisturbed repose in the police cells, falling the production of five shillings and costs.
CRUEL.—At a recent railroad dinner, in compliment to the legal fraternity, the toast was given, "An honest lawyer, the noblest work of God." But an old farmer in the back part of the house rather spoiled the effect by adding in a loud voice, "and about the scariest!"
FROM THE RIVER.—The steamer Enterprise, with 40 passengers, returned last evening; among those on board we noticed Hon. J. J. Southgate, Dr. Loeuven, Esq., ex-Treasurer Franks, Mr. Geo. F. Wilson, the Marsh and Pixley families. Rough weather is reported during the trip.

REPORTED ILLNESS OF THE PRINCESS DAGMAR.—The Standard announces that the Princess Dagmar is said to be attacked with typhus fever, and that Dr. Oppolzer, of Vienna, who prescribed for the late Czar-witch, has been summoned to St. Petersburg.
THE DEFENSE OF MR. ALGERNON SWINBURNE meets with a rather cool reception in London, and the Review even says of it: "He exhausts the language of wantonness, and recruits himself in a riot of blasphemy."
THE FLY.—The famous steamer Fly was sold by Mr. McCrea yesterday for \$2700 cash—about one-tenth of the real value. Douglas Brothers were the purchasers.
EX-OFFICIALS DEPARTING.—By the steamer to-day, ex-Auditor Wakeford and family will start for Australia; ex-Treasurer Franks for England, and Mr. Nesbitt for Bermuda.

THE ACTIVE will sail for San Francisco this morning at 9 o'clock, wind and weather permitting.
THE GLAMARA from London may be looked for here between the 8th and 20th of February. She sailed on the 8th October.
DUS.—The steamer Fideliter from Portland, and the bark Metropolis, from Honolulu, are fully due here.
POSTPONED.—Mime D'Ormy's concert has been postponed until Wednesday, 13th inst.
Sandwich Islands.
(Dates to 31st January.)
Pure castor oil is now manufactured in Honolulu.
A heavy gale visited Honolulu on the 26th ult., the being from the southwest. At the same time a heavy southeast gale raged on this coast.
The weather was very dry on the Islands.
A horrible murder was committed on the 23d of December, in the district of Hanalei, Kauai. A respectable man, named Kahu, was murdered by his own daughter and her paramour, the woman stabbing her father being disabled by the male friend.
The children of the Sunday Schools have had a picnic in Panoa Valley. There are 700 native children attending these schools.
The Masons had a splendid festival in Honolulu on St. John's Day.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.
Canada.
(Dates to December 25th.)
A banquet was given at Toronto, on the 19th December, by the Huron and Ontario Ship Canal Company to the delegates from the United States.
Colonel Hamilton, a veteran of the war of 1812, died at Toronto on the 15th December, aged 84. For nearly 40 years he was employed in the office of the Receiver General, and only recently was granted an honorable retirement.
William McComb, fancy storekeeper, of Kingston, was arrested by a constable from Ottawa, under a warrant charging him with forging orders on New York and Boston piano and melodeon dealers, in the name of James Fraser. He left for Ottawa by the afternoon's express, and his store has been closed in consequence.
A hunter on the Colonge river recently shot ten moose deer in one day. Game in that part of the country is said to be very plentiful.
A fire broke out in Vienna on Sunday morning the 9th instant, destroying the stores of Sullé & Co., Francis Jewell, Samuel Brazier, the Post office, and the office of the Montreal Telegraph company; also the warehouse of Sullé & F. Jewell. Mr. R. McKay an old resident, and much respected, was burned to death. It is believed that McKay was first murdered and the place robbed, and then fired to avoid detection.
The Board of Trade of Stratford have for some time been talking about a railway from Woodstock to Stratford in connection with the G. W. R., giving as their reason that the Grand Trunk does not pay sufficient attention to the traffic of the way stations.

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A Scene in a London Police Court.
At the Marylebone Police office, on Tuesday, a well-dressed woman, who gave her name as Jones Wheatley, aged 40, of 9 Walmer street, Marylebone, a married woman, was charged with unlawfully ringing the door-bell of 68, Kensington gardens square, the residence of Major-General St. John. The prisoner, who sobbed greatly, was allowed to be seated during the proceedings.
The General said: I charge this person with coming to my house and ringing the door-bell. On my servant's going to the door, she would hold her hat up, and her orders were not to admit her on any pretence whatever. She then rang the bell more violently than ever. In explanation of this, I may say that I was divorced from my wife in 1861.
Mr. Arnold—She was your wife, then?
The General—Yes, sir. I have no wish to harm her. Since she has been divorced she has married a person of the name of Wheatley.
Prisoner—Oh, no, I am not married. Oh, don't say so.
The General—I believe it to be so, as I have seen the certificate.
Osborne, one of the summoning officers of the court, deposed; She has a summons out now against the man Wheatley, who she said, when she made the application, was her husband.
Mr. Arnold—Has this annoyance been frequent?
The General—Not within the last two months. If you can let her go now I will not press the case.
Prisoner—Oh, dear! Oh, pity. I am without clothes, without food, and without money. I am living in a small court at the back of the Yorkshire Stingo. I have been here for advice, and was told by Mr. Mansfield that under my peculiar circumstances I cannot sue or be sued in any court. Oh, how I long to see my dear children. If I could I would go out of the country to-morrow. My six children—
Mr. Arnold—You had better be silent. I do not want to know the cause of the divorce. There is no place to inquire into it, or a public exposure of it to be made. If there is no special restriction, and you go in a proper manner, I have no doubt you will be allowed to see them.
Prisoner—Sir, to-day I only took a letter to my daughter to tell her I was without money or food. If the General will allow me the money again which he allowed me for four years, I will not go to the house.
Mr. Arnold—You have no right to go to your house, and by so doing you have rendered yourself liable to a penalty of 40 shillings. Will you promise not to go there again?
Prisoner—Sir, if I saw my children in the street I must rush to them.
Mr. Stanley (chief clerk)—She has sworn upon her information for the summons that Wheatley was her husband.
Mr. Arnold—Have you been married to him?
Prisoner—Yes; I was married to him in Deane street, Soho. I am now told by the French Ambassador that the marriage was not legal, for two reasons; first, that he, being a Free-churchman, and a Catholic, and I a Protestant; and again, because they put me down as a widow, and not as a divorced woman.
Mr. Arnold—I cannot go into that. What I have to ask you now is whether you will faithfully promise not to annoy this gentleman again. You place yourself in jeopardy by your conduct. You have no right to go to his house or annoy him in any way. If you promise me this much I will discharge you.
Prisoner—I have been told that my children are never more to see me, and I am only to see them at my death.
Mr. Arnold—I don't know the matters of your divorce, but I dare say that the judge who heard the case knew well who was the proper person to have charge of them.
The General—I might add that the children are of sufficient age to know what passed. They say they will not see her again. They positively assert they will not.
The Prisoner—Some people have poisoned the mind of the General and that of the children against me. My divorce was not properly conducted, and my proctor was bought over for £10. They have made me a profligate, but I am not. Four times have I been in the workhouse. What am I to do?
Mr. Arnold—I must tell you that you are being dealt with very leniently. If you will promise not to annoy again you will be discharged. The prisoner said she would promise not to annoy again, and was accordingly let go.—Weekly Times.

LAST CHARGE.—The entire stock of Brun's fine clothing, hats, caps and gentlemen's furnishings goods, must be sold within two weeks. In order to give the citizens a chance to purchase, sovereigns will be accepted at 5s and greenbacks at San Francisco current rates. Yates Street, opposite the Bank of British North America.
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